

pany in New York admitted that it is possible that the vessel had left port the following day and had then been attacked and sunk, but they thought this improbable. The tanker, they said, undoubtedly would take some time discharging her cargo of oil at Alexandria and probably would be there a few days before beginning her return voyage.

Both Communipaw and Petrolite Changed Their Registry After War

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The Standard Oil steamship Communipaw, reported sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean, and the Standard Oil steamship Petrolite, reported in State Department advice to have been shelled by a submarine, were both changed from German to American registry after the outbreak of the war. They were flying the American flag when attacked.

The Communipaw and Petrolite were sister-ships, each displacing 3,710 tons and were built in 1893-94. The Communipaw left New York October 27 with 5,000 tons of oil, bound for Alexandria, via Italian ports. She was held at Genoa for two weeks by the Italian authorities, but sailed on November 30. The Standard Oil Company today had no advice confirming the Rome report that the Communipaw had been sunk, but accepted it as true. David T. Warden, head of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, which owns both vessels, said he had feared for the safety of the Communipaw since he read a report that an American ship had signaled she was being attacked by a submarine. The Communipaw was due in the position indicated by the ship being attacked, he said. No word has been received from the commander of the Petrolite.

TURKS DRIVE BRITISH BACK ON THE TIGRIS

BERLIN, Dec. 8 (by wireless to Tuckerton, N. J.).—Advices from Mesopotamia are to the effect that the Turks are continuing to operate vigorously against the British expedition along the Tigris river. They have driven the troops routed from the region of Bagdad within 20 miles of Kut-el-Amara and have also expelled them from the north bank of the Tigris at that point. The Turks, it is asserted, continue to capture the transport wagons attached to the expedition, a large number of which were unable to reach the advanced base at Kut-el-Amara. Much ammunition was captured just above Kut-el-Amara.

BERLIN, Dec. 8 (by wireless to Sayville, L. I.).—The Turkish headquarters report of December 5, received today from Constantinople and made public by the Overseas News Agency, says: On the Iraq (Mesopotamia) front the Turkish troops continue to prosecute their offensive against the defeated British troops. On December 5, the Turkish troops covered about fifteen and a half miles in one day. Baghela, west of Kut-el-Amara, was occupied. During one week eight officers and 520 soldiers were made prisoners.

SOFIA (via Amsterdam), Dec. 8.—"Our victorious troops are continuing the pursuit of the French on both banks of the Vardar," said an official Bulgarian war office statement today.

Allies Renew Offense At Dardanelles; Turks Call It Only "Bluff"

BERLIN (via London), Dec. 8.—The allies have begun a new offensive at the Dardanelles, according to the Constantinople correspondent of the Cologne Gazette, but the Turks believe the movement a bluff. A squadron of Anglo-French aviators attacked the railway station at Esau Kuyru, on the Constantinople-Adrianople railway, but did no material damage.

Artillery Battle Near Strumnitz Continues, Says Athens Dispatch

ATHENS, Dec. 8.—The Anglo-French heavy artillery has been inflicting heavy losses on the Bulgarians in the Strumnitz section in two days of heavy fighting. Dispatches received today said there had been no cessation in the battle for forty-eight hours.

Venezelos Party Takes No Part in Election Of Greek Parliament

PARIS, Dec. 8.—Election of a new Greek parliament, entirely favorable to King Constantine's policy of non-intervention, appears practically certain in view of advices from Athens today. Former Premier Venezelos, whose party had the majority in parliament, has advised his followers not to participate in the December 19 election, declaring it illegal. Athens advices today predict a crisis when Venezelos and his followers are compelled to make known their attitude as regards the new government elected on December 19.

Germany to Retain Belgium, Liege Is Told

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 8.—Count Schulenberg indicated to citizens of Liege at a public gathering recently that Germany has no intention of relinquishing Belgium, according to advices received here today. He drove the first nail into a wooden statue of General von Emmich, conqueror of Belgium, which was erected in the court of honor of the Palace of Justice. "What von Emmich has conquered, we will hold," Count Schulenberg was quoted as saying.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

The forecast for the District of Columbia—Rain this afternoon and probably tonight; Thursday partly cloudy; not much change in temperature; fresh and strong southwest winds. Maryland—Rain this afternoon and probably tonight; Thursday partly cloudy; not much change in temperature; fresh and strong southwest winds. Virginia—Partly cloudy; Thursday, fair, fresh southwest winds.

TEMPERATURES.
U. S. BUREAU OF WEATHER.
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TIDE TABLE.
High tide at 9:03 a. m. and 9:27 p. m.
Low tide at 3:20 a. m. and 3:24 p. m.
SUN TABLE.
Sun rose at 7:55. Sun sets at 4:41.

HALF AND HALF BODY TO MEET TOMORROW

Senator Chilton Calls Meeting of Joint Committee on District Financial Affairs.

Senator Chilton, chairman of the joint committee to investigate the fiscal relations between the Government and the District, called a meeting of the committee to convene at his office at the Capitol at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The committee will continue work on the report on the half-and-half question and hopes to have it completed at an early date. The individual members of the committee have been asked by the chairman to submit their views.

PUBLICLY FLOGGED FOR WIFE BEATING

Richard J. T. Chubb, Formerly of Capital, Receives Ten Lashes at Rockville Jail.

Richard J. T. Chubb, formerly a photographer in Washington, was publicly flogged at the Rockville jail today following his conviction on a charge of wife beating.

Chubb was given ten lashes across his bare back, the punishment being inflicted with great vigor by Sheriff Whalen of Montgomery county. The public whipping was witnessed by fifty persons in the jail yard, among them being J. Thomas Austin, a brother of Mrs. Chubb; Sheriff Hardy, of Prince George county, and Dr. O. M. Linthicum.

Chubb, who was convicted of having hurled a number of teapots and saucers at his wife and striking her on the thigh with a stone after she fled from the house, screamed in agony as the lash was applied. Great welts rose upon his back and blood streamed from the abrasions. Dr. Linthicum said Chubb was on the verge of lapsing into unconsciousness when pleased. The prisoner was fastened to a platform in the jail yard, his feet being secured with leg irons and his hands extended above his head. After the whipping Chubb remained in Rockville. He said he would return to his home as he had been disgraced for life and would leave Maryland.

OFFICERS ELECTED BY COLONIAL SOCIETY

Commodore R. G. Davenport Governor—Resolution Urges Measures for Defense.

Commodore Richard Graham Davenport, U. S. N., today begins his term as governor, and Joseph Burr Johnson, as deputy governor, of the Society of Colonial Wars of the District of Columbia. These officers were elected at a meeting last evening when the society met at the Willard.

A resolution was passed empowering the outgoing governor to appoint a committee of five to prepare "suitable resolutions memorializing the President of the United States and urging the imperative necessity of such legislation as will insure to our beloved country thorough defense both on land and at sea."

Calvary M. E. Church Opens Benefit Dinner

The four days' bazaar, luncheon and dinner under auspices of the Ladies Guild of Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church, opened yesterday. An attractive a la carte luncheon was served from noon to 2 o'clock, and between 5 and 7 o'clock a roast turkey dinner was served and the rooms were crowded with more than 100 guests and diners. Today a roast beef dinner will be served and tomorrow a chicken and oyster dinner will be served. For the Friday menu oysters will be the feature of the dinner. The proceeds of the fair and dinners will be devoted to the payment of the church debt.

Seven Army Officers Advanced by War Office

The promotion of seven army officers was announced at the War Department today. Five of them are members of the Coast Artillery Corps. They are: Capt. Harrison Hall, promoted to be major; First Lieut. Adeline Gibson, to be captain, and Second Lieut. William A. Pendleton, Walter K. Dunn, and Allen R. Edwards to be first lieutenants. In the Field Artillery, First Lieut. Charles S. Blakely, Sixth Field Artillery, was promoted to captain, and assigned to the Fifth Field Artillery, and Second Lieut. Harold E. Minor, unassigned, was promoted to first lieutenant. He has not yet been assigned.

The weather a year ago today unsettled. Temperature, High 39 degrees, Low 38 degrees—remember Laxative Brown Quinine cures a cold in one day. There is only one "Brown Quinine" Look for signature E. W. GROVE, Inc.

REDFIELD REPLES TO WATERWAY CRITICS

Urges Rivers and Harbors Congress Deny Intent to Serve Purely Local Interests.

An open and avowed repudiation of any intent to serve purely local interests was recommended by Secretary of Commerce Redfield in his address before the Rivers and Harbors Congress, which began its sittings at the Willard this morning, as a means of stilling the cry of "pork" so frequently used in connection with waterways improvements.

More than 1,000 delegates from every State and large city in the country were present in the large ballroom when Senator J. E. Ransdell of Louisiana, president of the Congress, called the congress to order. After an invocation by the Rev. Dr. Eadie Wiley, of the Vermont Avenue Christian Church, Secretary Redfield was introduced.

Replies to Criticism. Mr. Redfield referred to current criticisms of the rivers and harbors program, and was roundly applauded when he said: "There is no righteous association of your cause with any such small and greasy idea. Many a fruitful cause has been delayed and in some measure distorted, because we Americans must have our laugh at any cost. It is easy to say 'pork' but I have yet to be assured there is any foundation for the expression."

"I have never felt sympathy for certain critics of river and harbor improvements, particularly those who speak of what they call the conflict between rail and water transportation. All my life I have been familiar with conditions along the Hudson river. That stream is now paralleled on one side by two railroad tracks and on the other by four tracks, and yet its present fleet is the largest in its history."

Transportation Plant Unbalanced. "In the United States we are getting an unbalanced transportation plant, because it is characteristic of us that in paying such close attention to things that are, we pay too little to things that are to be. In this country we cultivate only 45 per cent of our arable land, and little of that, approximately its capacity production. What we are doing is to transport the surplus here if the production were here suddenly because that of Denmark."

"There is not a railroad in the corn belt but would be almost hopelessly swamped if some of the things the members of our House are going to do are duplicated by their fathers. Without both kinds of transportation we shall not be able to get along. We must develop our waterway plant along with our railroads. We cannot handle a great commerce by mule power," but that with the development of timberland, coal and other resources, use on barges such waterways were again being developed.

Victims of Slander. A wider use of waterways, the development of waterway terminals, and the completion of a series of intercoastal canals for national defense purposes were the salient points of the annual address of Senator Ransdell. "Waterways have been the victims of much slander, especially during the last two years," he said. "The lump sum appropriations in the last two years and harbor bills were very unsatisfactory, and we must prevent a repetition of such bills."

The proposed intercoastal canal from Boston to Jacksonville, and first class water communication between Pittsburgh and New Orleans, Chicago, and New Orleans, St. Paul, and New Orleans and Kansas City and New Orleans, would, beyond question, prove of incalculable benefit in time of war. "Permanent and strong organizations at large river points, composed of 100 or more leading men regularly incorporated, should be formed to act as boards on the rivers and operate them, not for a few months, but year after year and in a businesslike way. Terminals are essential. Boats cannot compete with railroads without every facility for loading and unloading freight."

Other Speakers. The other speakers at the opening session were former Gov. A. O. Eberhart, of Minnesota, whose subject was, "Who is Responsible for the Failure to Develop Our Waterways?" Col. C. McD. Townsend, of the Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., and Paul W. Brown, of St. Louis.

The speakers this afternoon included Mayor Martin Behrmann, of New Orleans, who spoke on "The Port of New Orleans," and Logan Waller Page, director of the office of public roads in the Department of Agriculture, whose subject was "The Relation of Good Roads to Waterways."

There will be a session this evening, and three sessions tomorrow. The business session, which will be the final one, will be held Friday morning.

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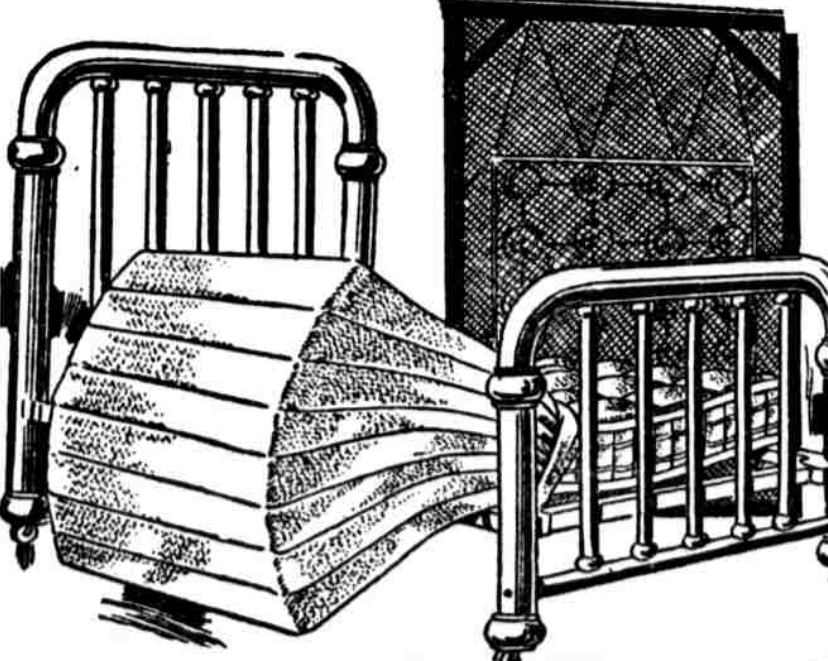
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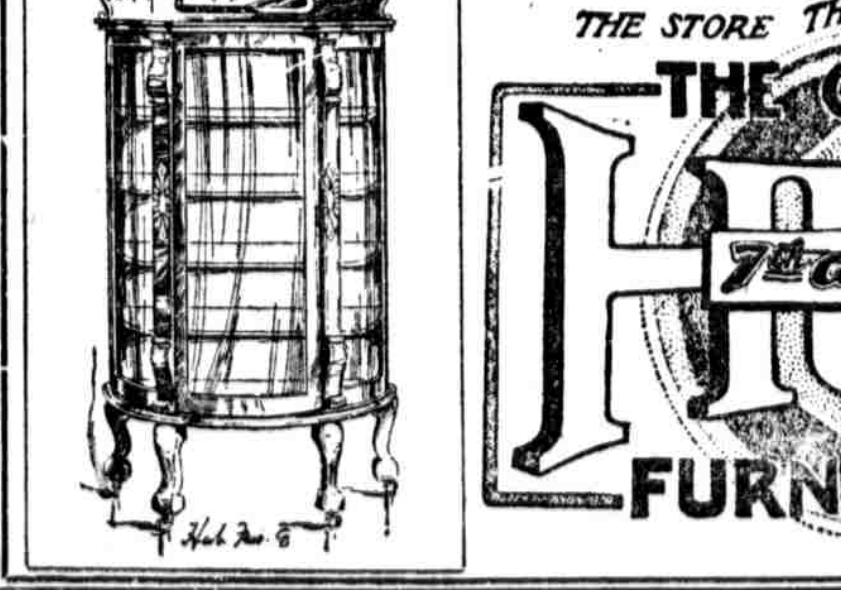
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